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Becky Taft P.O. 154 Bicknell, UT 84715

Dear Becky:

On the occasion of your retirement, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the State Engineer, the Division of Water Rights, the Distribution Section staff, and the Southern Region Office staff to thank you for your 8 years of service as Water Commissioner for the Lower Fremont River Distribution System. Your experience and understanding of the river and the water users will be sorely missed.

The position of Water Commissioner can be a demanding and sometimes thankless responsibility, yet you always carried the responsibility with dignity and diplomacy. The system has made great strides due to your work in regulating the water on the Lower Fremont, and this has ensured a consistent, orderly and equitable distribution of water.

The job of Water Commissioner was made more difficult by the very nature of the creeks and the tributaries to the river which presented many challenges over the years from periods of drought to periods of flooding. Your experience with the river, the area, and the people allowed you to provide invaluable assistance in meeting these challenges.

Again, our many thanks for the service you have rendered to the Lower Fremont water users and to the State of Utah. My staff has expressed high regard for your great efforts on the system.

Sincerely,

Kent L. Jones, P.E. State Engineer

Cc: Southern Utah, Regional Office

